

# Trinity Lutheran Church

First Sunday of Christmas  
December 27, 2020

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

304 E. Ferris St.  
Galesburg, IL 61401

*“the welcome place”*

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**+ + + GATHERING + + +**

**Prelude**                      Angels From the Realm of Glory    Hobby  
**Welcome**  
(Stand)

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who was in the beginning,  
who makes a dwelling among us,  
who covers us with justice and mercy.  
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of goodness and lovingkindness,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
and our neighbors.**  
**We have turned away from your invitation to new life.**  
**We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden.**  
**In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins,**  
**those we know and those known only to you,**  
**for the sake of the one who came to live among us,**

## Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Hear the good news of peace and salvation!  
God forgives us all our sins,  
not through our own work,  
but through † Jesus Christ, made known to all people.  
With all who come to the manger,  
rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.  
**Amen**

## Gathering Song ELW #272

### Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath  
2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in  
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the  
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as  
mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the  
air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the  
woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who

seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -  
vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she  
dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from  
dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, sts. 1–2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845–1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, st. 4  
Music: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise

ELW #291

### Let Our Gladness Have No End



- 1 Let our glad - ness have no end, Hal - le - lu - jah!
- 2 Proph-e - sied in days of old, Hal - le - lu - jah!
- 3 See the love - liest bloom - ing rose, Hal - le - lu - jah!
- 4 In - to flesh is made the Word, Hal - le - lu - jah!



for to earth did Christ de - scend. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has sent the one fore - told. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
from the branch of Jes - se grows. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
our true ref - uge and our Lord. Hal - le - lu - jah!

#### *Refrain*



On this day God gave us Christ, the Son, to



save us; Christ, the Son, to save us.

Text: Bohemian carol, 15th cent.; tr. unknown

Music: NARODIL SE KRISTUS PÁN, Bohemian carol, 15th cent.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray,

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(Sit)*

**+ + + WORD + + +**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 61:10--62:3**

<sup>10</sup>**I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**

<sup>11</sup>**For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.**

<sup>62:1</sup>**For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.**

<sup>2</sup>**The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.**

<sup>3</sup>**You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,**

**and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 148**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the Lord| from the heavens;  
praise God | in the heights.

<sup>2</sup>**Praise the Lord, | all you angels;  
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise the Lord, | sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you | shining stars.

<sup>4</sup>**Praise the Lord, heav- | en of heavens,  
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name | of the Lord,  
who commanded, and they | were created,

<sup>6</sup>**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not | pass away. R**

<sup>7</sup>Praise the Lord| from the earth,  
you sea monsters | and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, | snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**

<sup>9</sup>mountains | and all hills,  
fruit trees | and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup>**wild beasts | and all cattle,  
creeping things and | flying birds;**

<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers | of the world;

<sup>12</sup>**young | men and maidens,  
old and | young together. R**

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name | of the Lord,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is  
over | earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>**The Lord has raised up strength for the people and  
praise for all | faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near  
the Lord. | Hallelujah! R**

## **Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,  
born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem  
those who were under the law, so that we might receive  
adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God  
has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying,  
“Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child,  
and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*(stand)*

# Love Has Come



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;  
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale*, 1856

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## Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.



<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Joseph and Mary] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup>“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

<sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Sit)*

**Sermon** ..... Rev. Dr. Keith Killinger

**Hymn of the Day**

ELW 417

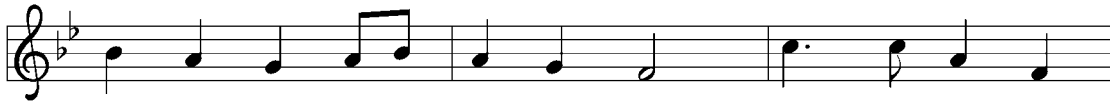
### In His Temple Now Behold Him



1 In his tem - ple now be - hold him, see the long - ex -  
2 In the arms of her who bore him, vir - gin pure, be -  
3 Je - sus, by your pre - sen - ta - tion, when they blessed you,  
4 Prince and au - thor of sal - va - tion, be your bound - less



pect - ed Lord; an - cient proph - ets had fore - told him,  
hold him lie, while his a - ged saints a - dore him,  
weak and poor, make us see your great sal - va - tion,  
love our theme! Je - sus, praise to you be giv - en



God has sent the prom-ised Word. Now to praise him,  
ere in per-fect faith they die. Al-le-lu-ia!  
seal us with your prom-ise sure; and pre-sent us,  
by the world you did re-deem, with the Fa-ther



his re-deem-ed shall break forth with one ac-cord.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Lo, the in-car-nate God Most High!  
in your glo-ry, to your Fa-ther, cleansed and pure.  
and the Spir-it God of maj-es-ty su-preme!

Text: Henry J. Pye, 1825–1903, alt.

Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

## Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Joining our voices with the song of the angels, let us pray for  
the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Night and day, all creation praises you, O God. Strengthen  
your church across nations, denominations, and traditions. Fill  
us with wisdom and unify our proclamation of your forgiveness  
and mercy. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

All creation is holy to you, O God. You cause the earth to bring  
forth its shoots and gardens to spring up. Protect hibernating  
animals and frozen lands that wait earnestly for longer days of  
awakening and growth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

The nations are upheld by your hand, O God. Cause righteousness and praise to spring forth, inspiring leaders to serve with compassion and integrity. Send your spirit of discernment upon legislators grappling with complex decisions for the sake of the common good. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Send the spirit of your Son into our hearts, O God. Come quickly to hearts that race with fear, hearts that break with grief, and hearts that long for wholeness especially Heather, Will Gustafson, Sherryl and Jean Musolf's brother. Reveal your power to heal and to save. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Adopt us into your family, O God. Bless our elders with the peace and joy of Simeon and Anna. Strengthen those who have retired, those who work in older age, and those in need of income, food, company, or health care. Connect young and old across generations. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Let us depart in peace, O God, according to your word. For (*John, apostle and evangelist, and*) all your saints, we give you thanks. Prepare our salvation in the sight of all your witnesses of every time and place. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, come quickly to us with grace upon grace as we lift these and all our prayers to you, in the name of Jesus.

**+ + + MEAL + + +**

**Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

## And also with you. Let the Vineyards

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Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.'

### Offering Prayer

Gracious God,  
you came to us as one unknown,  
bringing joy and salvation to the earth.  
Nourish us at your banquet table,  
that with all who welcome your birth  
we may proclaim your peace,  
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

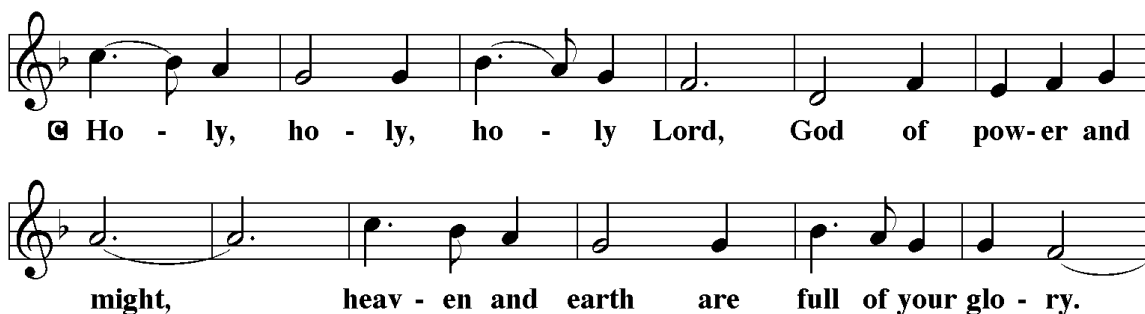
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

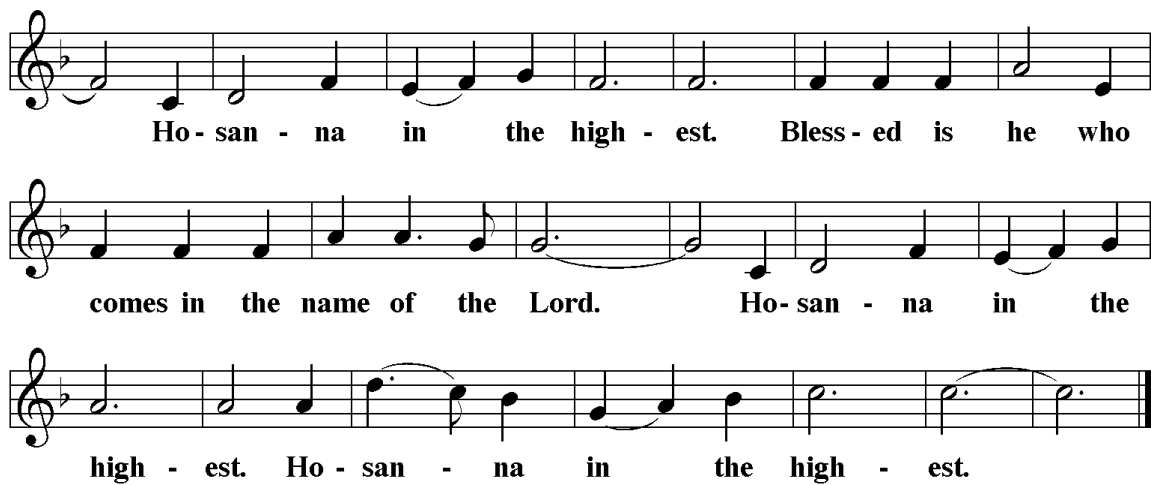
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have opened the eyes of faith  
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,  
that, beholding the God made visible,  
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

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O God most mighty,  
O God most merciful,  
O God our rock and our salvation,

When the earth was a formless void,  
you formed order and beauty.  
When Abraham and Sarah were barren,  
you sent them a child;  
When the Israelites were enslaved,  
you led them to freedom.  
When Ruth faced starvation, When David fought Goliath,  
When the psalmists cried out for healing,  
Full of compassion, you granted life to those who trusted you.

At the midpoint of time  
You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.  
He was born among the poor,  
he lived under oppression,  
he wept over the city.  
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,



our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,  
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

And so,  
Celebrating his birth,  
Remembering his death, and  
Rejoicing in his resurrection,  
We join the hosts of heaven to sing your praise.

Gracious Father, as you call us to your table,  
Send your Spirit to us in this meal.  
Feed us with the life of your own Son;  
Warm our hearts and make us one.

Transform us with hope.  
O God most majestic, O God most loving,  
O God our strength and our song,  
As you show us a vision of a tree of life  
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us your life, O living God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Invitation to communion

The Word is revealed in a manger, in simple bread and wine.  
Come meet Christ in this meal.

(Sit)

## Lamb of God

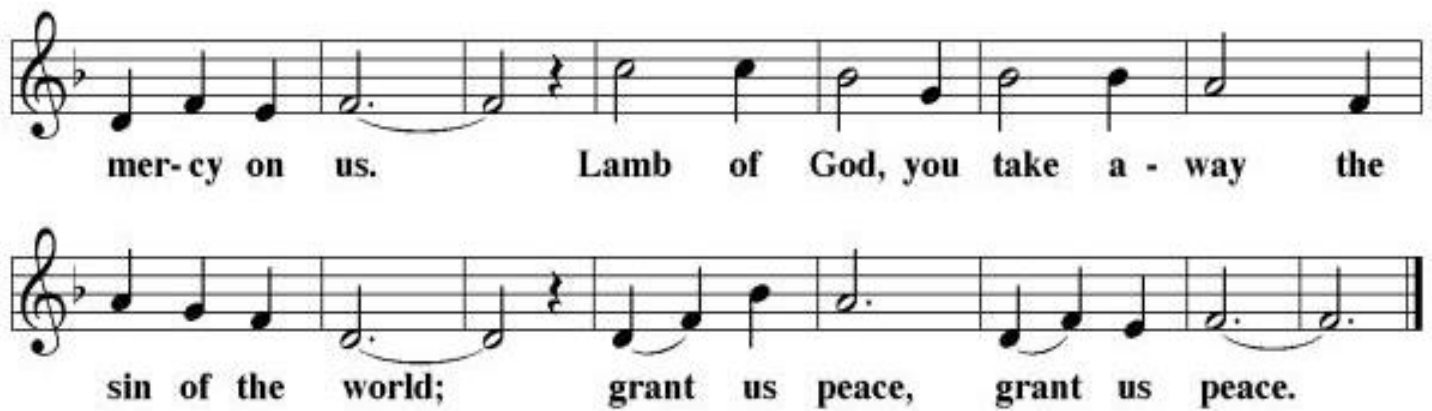
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Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



## **Distribution of Communion**

*(Stand)*

### **Post Communion Blessing**

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
that you have once again fed us from your very self  
with the body and blood of Christ.  
Through this mystery, send us forth  
to proclaim your promise to a world in need,  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

**+ + + SENDING + + +**

## **Announcements**

*(Stand)*

### **Blessing**

Almighty God,  
who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary,  
proclaimed joy through the angels,

sent the shepherds with good news,  
and led the magi by a star,  
bless you this day ✠ through the Word made flesh.  
**Amen.**

## Sending Song

ELW #290

### Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Refrain*

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,

2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth

3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

*Refrain*

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.

rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.

and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.  
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude .....Angels We Have Heard on High**

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### Year-End Financial

The 2021 offering envelopes have arrived and they will be mailed to members this year due to our remote worship. They will be mailed out the last week of December.

Noon on Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for receiving contributions to appear on financial statements as 2020 contributions. Any contributions received after that will be recorded as 2021 contributions. The 2020 annual statements will be mailed in early January.

### Christmas Memorials

In memory of loved ones given by LaMae Icenogle and the Chezem Family

In memory of Lockey and Bernice Carlson given by David Uhlmann Family

In memory of The Forrest Olson, Earl Brewster, Conrad Gustafson, and John England families given by Willard and Ethelyn

In memory of loved ones given by Dan and Mary Lou Lindberg

In memory of Charles McKie – husband, Glen Powell – Son, Paula Powell – Strader – daughter given by Fran McKie

In memory of my husband Steve Johnson, my father Max Boynton, my sister Karen Cratty given by Kristy Johnson

In memory of Willard, Lois and Nathan Nyman given by Ken Nyman

In memory of Danny Campbell, Lester, Erma and John Peterson given by Bonnie Campbell

In honor of our parents given by John and Wilma Hessler

In memory of Sarah, William, and Elizabeth McClean given by the McClean Family

In memory of Russell A'Hearn given by Dan and Julie A'Hearn

In memory of Shirley Hendrix Wright and Gladys Ryner Wright given by Janis Wright Meyers, Dewey Wright, Loren and Dianne Wright, Jennifer Wright and Michael Wright

In memory of Helen, John and Margaret Wilds and Jim, Rita, Joe and John Wiegand given by Julie, Mike, Maggie, Joe, Stella, and Penelope Wiegand

In memory of all Trinity friends that passed away during 2020 given by Janet Page

In memory of our loved ones given by Norm and Linda Tippey

In memory of my brother Thomas and parents Marjorie and Russell Maier given by Annie Maier

